IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first full paragraphs of specification pages spanning page 1 and 2 with the following replacement paragraph:

— This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/531,853, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING SOFT LOCKS ON CASCADED MIRRORED VOLUMES, by Amol Chitre, *et al.*, the teachings of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference.

This application is related to the following United States Patent Applications:

~~Serial~~ Patent No. 6,889,228 ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~, entitled CASCADING SUPPORT FOR MIRRORED VOLUMES, by Michael Federwisch, the teachings of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference;

~~Serial~~ Patent No. 7,225,204 ~~10/100,950~~, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ASYNCHRONOUS MIRRORING OF SNAPSHOTS AT A DESTINATION USING A PURGATORY DIRECTORY AND INODE MAPPING, by Stephen L. Manley, *et al.*, the teachings of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference;

~~Serial~~ Patent No. 7,043,485 ~~10/100,945~~, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STORAGE OF ~~SNAPHOT~~ SNAPSHOT METADATA IN A REMOTE FILE, by Stephen L. Manley, *et al.*, the teachings of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference;

~~Serial~~ Patent No. 7,010,553 ~~10/100,434~~, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDIRECTING ACCESS TO A REMOTE MIRRORED SNAPSHOT, by Raymond C. Chen, *et al.*, the teachings of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference;

~~Serial~~ Patent No. 7,007,046 ~~10/100,879~~, entitled FORMAT FOR TRANSMISSION OF FILE SYSTEM INFORMATION BETWEEN A SOURCE AND A DESTINATION, by Stephen L. Manley, *et al.*, the teachings of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference; and

~~Serial~~ Patent No. 6,993,539 ~~10/100,967~~, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING CHANGES IN TWO SNAPSHOTS AND FOR TRANSMITTING CHANGES TO A DESTINATION SNAPSHOT, by Michael L. Federwisch, *et al.*, the teachings of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference.

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Please replace the first full paragraph of specification page 13 with the following replacement paragraph:

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Approaches to volume-based remote mirroring of PCPIs are described in detail in commonly owned U.S. Patent ~~Application Serial~~ No. 6,604,118 ~~09/127,497~~, entitled FILE SYSTEM IMAGE TRANSFER by Steven Kleiman, *et al.* and U.S. Patent ~~Application Serial~~ No. 6,574,591 ~~09/426,409~~, entitled FILE SYSTEM IMAGE TRANSFER BETWEEN DISSIMILAR FILE SYSTEMS by Steven Kleiman, *et al.*, both of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference.

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Please replace the first full paragraph of specification page 14 with the following replacement paragraph:

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One such sub-organization of a volume is the well-known qtree. Qtrees, as implemented on an exemplary storage system such as described herein, are subtrees in a volume's file system. One key feature of qtrees is that, given a particular qtree, any file or directory in the system can be quickly tested for membership in that qtree, so they serve as a good way to organize the file system into discrete data sets. The use of qtrees as a source and destination for replicated data may be desirable. An approach to remote asynchronous mirroring of a qtree is described in U.S. Patent ~~Application Serial~~ No.

6,993,539 ~~10/100,967~~ entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING CHANGES IN TWO SNAPSHOTS AND FOR TRANSMITTING CHANGES TO A DESTINATION SNAPSHOT, by Michael L. Federwisch, et al., the teachings of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference.

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Please replace the last full paragraph of specification pages spanning 17-18 with the following replacement paragraph:

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To facilitate access to the disks, the storage operating system 800 implements a write-anywhere file system that logically organizes the information as a hierarchical structure of directory, file and vdisk objects (hereinafter "directories", "files" and "vdisks") on the disks. A vdisk is a special file type that is translated into an emulated disk or logical unit number (lun) as viewed by a storage are network (SAN) client. Each "on-disk" file may be implemented as set of disk blocks configured to store information, such as data, whereas the directory may be implemented as a specially formatted file in which names and links to other files and directories are stored. Vdisks are further described in U.S. Patent ~~Application Serial~~ No. 7,107,385 ~~10/216,453~~, entitled STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION BY LAYERING VIRTUAL DISK OBJECTS ON A FILE SYSTEM, by Vijayan Rajan, et al. the teachings of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

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